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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, SO

SUBJECT: REPLY TO GSDR NOTE OF PROTEST ON SOVIET BASE ISSUE

REFERENCE: MOGADISCIO 0821

1. WHILE SEVERAL OPTIONS OPEN TO US IN RESPONDING TO SOMALI  
NOTE OF PROTEST REGARDING SOVIET BASE ISSUE (MOGADISCIO 821)

WE BELIEVE MOST MEANINGFUL REPLY WOULD BE TO CHALLENGE SIAD  
ON SOVIET MISSILE STORAGE AND REWORK FACILITY. SUCH A CHALLENGE  
WOULD ALSO GIVE SIAD OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE AND FOR ALL  
WHETHER HE IS TRULY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH US.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR CHALLENGE IS PROVIDED IN THIRD PARAGRAPH OF  
GSDR NOTE, WHICH CLAIMS THAT QTE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE OF SOMALIA  
CANNOT  
EVEN REMOTELY IMAGINE THEIR MOTHERLAND HOSTING FOREIGN INSTRUMENTS  
OF WAR AND HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED THE EXISTENCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY  
ARSENALS IN THIS REGION OR ITS VICINITY UNQTE.

3. IN OUR RESPONSE, WE SHOULD CALL ATTENTION TO THIS PASSAGE  
AND THEN PROVIDE FACTUAL DETAIL WHICH IS CONTAINED IN SECRETARY  
SCHLESINGER'S SENATE TESTIMONY (STATE 135878) REGARDING MISSILE  
HANDLING AND STORAGE FACILITY AT BERBERA WHICH WOULD PROVIDE  
SOVIETS WITH RELOAD CAPABILITY FOR MISSILE-EQUIPPED SHIPS,  
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SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT. WE SHOULD SUPPLY AS MANY FACTS AS ARE

AVAILABLE TO US IN STATE 135878.

4. WE SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT AT NO TIME IN THEIR TESTIMONY DID EITHER SCHLESINGER OR NOYES REFER TO A SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA.

5. SUCH A RESPONSE HAS SEVERAL ADVANTAGES:

A. IT DEALS WITH A SPECIFIC SOVIET FACILITY WHICH CONCERNS US.

B. IT GIVES SIAD OPPORTUNITY TO WHITTLE AWAY AT ONE ASPECT OF SOVIET PRESENCE IF HE IS SO INCLINED, EVEN IF HE CANNOT TACKLE ENTIRE SOVIET PROBLEM IN SOMALIA.

C. IT WOULD SHOW THAT THERE IS STILL SOME GOOD FAITH LEFT ON US SIDE AS RESULT OF SIAD'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN WASHINGTON.  
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